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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 8, line 32, after "selects" delete [an] and replace with --a--.

On page 9, line 22, after "current" and before "product" insert --base--.

On page 9, line 26, please delete [associated with a given user of system 20].

On page 13, line 14, please delete [Importantly] and insert the phrase --Returning to  
FIG. 2--.On page 13, line 23, please delete [Returning to FIG. 2, user] and insert the phrase --  
User--.

On page 13, line 29 please delete [styles] and replace with --style--.